

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

August 31, 2025

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Holiday Closure

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on September 8 at 10:30am in the Faith Center. This month's program will feature Dr. Tim McClendon, "History of Edgefield Pottery." Lunch will be served at 12pm at \$5 per plate with the menu of meatloaf, hash brown casserole, salad, cornbread and cherry pie cake. Call the church office to make your reservation by 4pm on Thursday, September 4. Please state whether you plan to stay for lunch. We want to ensure that we have food for everyone who makes a reservation.

Applefest

Frozen Features Needs You! As you make a casserole, soup, chili, meatloaf, etc. for your family, make an extra one and place it in the kitchen freezer for Applefest's Frozen Features to sell. If you have questions pertaining to Frozen Features, please call: Camille Bailey at 803-295-2057 or Brenda Meeks at 803-979-1900.

Bookworm Corner: Your book donations, fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, travel, children's, young adults, novels, etc. (hardback, paperback and audio) can be dropped off in the red book bin, outside of Ward Hall. Please do not bring CDs, movies or magazines. Contact Mary Ward at (803)439-1245 or upsmary7@yahoo.com with any questions.

Volunteers are critical! YOU could fill our need by giving a little of your time for <u>any</u> part of Friday and/or Saturday. Please fill out one of the volunteer forms located in the boxes labeled APPLEFEST found in the Narthex, Faith Center lobby and the main lobby of the office. Please take time to pray about this and see where the Lord leads you. Your time and talents are what make this annual event a grand fundraiser for our local charities!

Please make note: We are ONLY accepting books, jewelry, frozen features, baskets and silent auction items at this time. Due to storage space, we will not be accepting clothing or household items, decorations, etc., until the middle of October.

Worship Services: Rev. Butch Blackwell; Rev. Will Altman; Director of Traditional Music - Dr. Matt Caine; Organist - Christopher Nash; 9:02 Band Leader - Jane Timmerman; The 9:02 Band - Chuck Carver, Juli Davis, Earl Melton, Matt Osteen, George Collins, Steve Davis, Alec James, Jeff Krok, Jonathan Cook, Susan Lawson, Marshall Sanders

Crucifer: Katie Kirk Acolytes: Caulden Kirk and Amelia Orr August 8:30 Ushers: Tom Miniard, Randy Shelley, Greg Lowry

August 11:00 Ushers: Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Donald Leader, Diane O'Connor, Gerry Hansen, Bruce Carrera, Jean Geiger, Dawn Beam, Sinclair Short, Larry Travis, Karen Travis, Dave Felak, Allen Radcliffe, Nola Radcliffe

August Worship Support: Leah Lewis, Mary Ann Findley, Mary Parrish

You may text your gift to St. John's by texting **stjaiken** to 1-888-364-4483 and following the instructions.

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The 11:00 service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 p.m., one week delay.

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Children's Ministries

Sunday School sign in takes place by the boat upstairs. "The Crew" (3rd - 5th graders), join us on Sept. 7 in Ward Hall from 5pm - 6:30pm for a Paint & Praise Party. Register with the QR code on the graphics page.

St. John's Talent Show will take place on Sept. 14 at 5pm in the gym. Come join our talent show to showcase your God given talent. We welcome acts of all kinds! We will be having a potluck, so please bring your favorite foods to share. Register today: https://bit.ly/STJ2025TalentShow.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Youth Choir & Band will begin at 4pm in the Choir Room. Sunday Night Youth will meet in the gym at 5pm and pick up from the Faith Center at 7pm. Bring \$2 for dinner and invite a friend to join you.

Looking forward: Youth Lock-In, contact Rev. Will for more information.

Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237. Please join us!

Looking Forward:

Young Adults Fall Retreat will be held Sept. 12-14 at Asbury Hills. Register today with the QR code on the graphics page.

St. John's Missions News

Join us for our Missions on the 5th Sunday, today at 10am in the Faith Center. Carson Sublett will share information regarding Kairos Prison Ministry.

Our third quarter Saturday of Service will be held September 6 in the morning at 4086 Hog Heaven Place, Windsor. We will build a ramp with the guidance of the Jack Meeks Ramp Ministry. All skill levels are welcome. Please sign up today in the narthex to join or contact Don Hayes at 803-761-3533 or hayesdonj@gmail.com.

For the month of September, we are collecting **canned or dried fruit with easy to open tops.** Please place any donated items in the box marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthex of each worship service. Please place <u>only</u> the requested donation items in the Grace Kitchen boxes as these are the current items needed.

Men's Night Out

Join us in the Faith Center at 6pm on September 2 for Men's Night Out Bible Study. This week's film will be "Greyhound" featuring Tom Hanks. This film is adapted from C.S. Forester's 1955 novel The Good Shepherd. While the film is a fictionalized account of the Battle of the Atlantic, a real and harrowing campaign of World War II, the characters and specific events of the film, including Commander Ernest Krause and the USS Keeling, are not based on real people or vessels. The story is inspired by the real-life pressures and challenges faced by sailors during that conflict.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Greg & Peg Robinson in memory of Kris Kisner and by Clarence & Alice Beehler in memory of Henry F. Millonig.

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

Sept. 3: Pork Loin, green beans, mac & cheese, and peach cobbler

Sept. 10: Hamburger steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, and chocolate pudding pie

Sept. 17: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and pound cake

Reservations are required by phone/email: jwindham@stjaiken.org by 12pm, Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Dinner is served at 5pm in Ward Hall 2/3. Cost for dinner: \$8 per adult (10 yrs. & older) and \$3 per child (ages 3 - 9yrs). Payment options: on-line via our website: www.stjaiken.org and select "GIVE NOW" and then select "WNS" from the drop down menu. You may also pay in person by cash or check. Please make checks payable to St. John's.

Undy Sunday

Collection for underwear is now under way for Undy Sunday, September 21, 2025! We are accepting new packaged underwear for men, women, and children. Drop boxes are located in the Narthex, Faith Center lobby, and the hall across from Ward Hall. Recipients of your generous donations will be those in need in the Aiken area. We're hoping to exceed what we brought in last year. You can help!

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

September — cereal/oatmeal or grits

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 8/24/2025

8:30 | 104 | 9:02 | 258 | 11:00 | 252 In-Person Total | 614

Financials

Operation Budget as of 8/26/2025

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do: \$1,643,809.30
Year to date ministry expenditures: \$1,367,266.59
\$276,542.71

Missions Budget: Year 2025-2026

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us

to do in Missions: \$ 249,591.47 Year to date disbursements: \$ 192,600.00

We thank you for your generous support of St. John's Ministries & Missions!

Please use our new GIVING QR code to give on line:







We welcome you, no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.

PRELUDE Love Divine, All Loves Excelling arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP He Lives Alfred H. Ackley

Chancel Choir

*OPENING HYMN No. 364, "Holy, Holy, Holy" NICAEA

*SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 7:24-27 Rev. Will Altman

SERMON "Kingdom Come: House Upon the Rock" Rev. Will Altman

HYMN No. 314, "In the Garden" GARDEN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 71, "Glory Be to the Father" GREATOREX Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OFFERTORY SOLO On Eagle's Wings Michael Joncas

*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER & CHORAL RESPONSE

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 593, "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM, LORD

BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter Christian Lutkin

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG Medley of Hymns

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PRAISE SONG O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Matheson

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OFFERTORY By Your Grace Johnson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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PRAISE SONG Take My Life

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SENDING FORTH SONG



Order of Worship - 11:00 AM

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM A Mighty Fortress is Our God arr. Dan Forrest

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

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